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Letter dated 19 November 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that for the past two days the town of Goma, the North Kivu provincial capital, has been subjected to continuing attacks by troops of the Rwandan regular army.

Today the town of Goma was shelled from Rwandan territory. One of the shells fell in the popular district of Birere, causing several deaths and wounding a number of civilians.

In view of the seriousness of the situation existing in and around the town of Goma, my Government requests the Security Council, as the organ responsible for the maintenance of international peace and security, to assume its full responsibilities and to:

1. Condemn this new aggression by Rwanda;

2. Recognize the dramatic humanitarian consequences of this aggression;

3. Demand that the Rwandan Army should purely and simply withdraw from around the town of Goma and from the territory of the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

4. Take note of the abuses committed and hold the Rwandan Government accountable for the serious violations of human rights and of international humanitarian law committed by Rwandan troops throughout their advance into Congolese territory and around the town of Goma.

My Government requests the Security Council to convene an urgent open meeting to consider this question.

I should be grateful if you could circulate this letter as a Security Council document.

(*Signed*) Ignace **Gata Mavita**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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